

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 894

House of Representatives, February 16, 1999

**An Act to Change the Reimbursement Rate for Law Enforcement
Personnel Who Testify in Court.**

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMONT of Kittery.
Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and
Representatives: BRUNO of Raymond, KNEELAND of Easton, NASS of Acton,
PLOWMAN of Hampden, THOMPSON of Naples, TUTTLE of Sanford, WHEELER of
Bridgewater, WHEELER of Eliot.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §173, sub-§4-A, ¶¶A and B,** as enacted by PL
4 1997, c. 750, Pt. A, §2, are amended to read:

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8 A. The court shall reimburse the municipality or county
10 that employs the law enforcement officer a flat fee of ~~\$25~~
12 **\$50** for each day or part of a day that a law enforcement
14 officer is physically present for a scheduled trial in
16 District Court, whether or not the officer is called upon to
18 give testimony.

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14 B. The court shall pay a municipality or county a flat fee
16 of ~~\$25~~ **\$50** for each day or part of a day that a municipal or
18 county law enforcement officer, designated by the
municipality or county as its court officer, is physically
present in a District Court in order to adequately handle
that municipality's or county's case load.

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22 The court officer required to be present at an arraignment
24 may be an officer other than the arresting officer if the
municipality or county has designated the officer to handle
the arraignment case load of that municipality or county.
26 In addition, one or more municipalities may designate either
a municipal law enforcement officer or a county law
enforcement officer to represent the municipalities at
arraignments.

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SUMMARY

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34 This bill increases the reimbursement fee paid to a
municipality by the court for each day a law enforcement officer
is physically present for a scheduled trial in District Court
from \$25 a day to \$50 a day.

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